



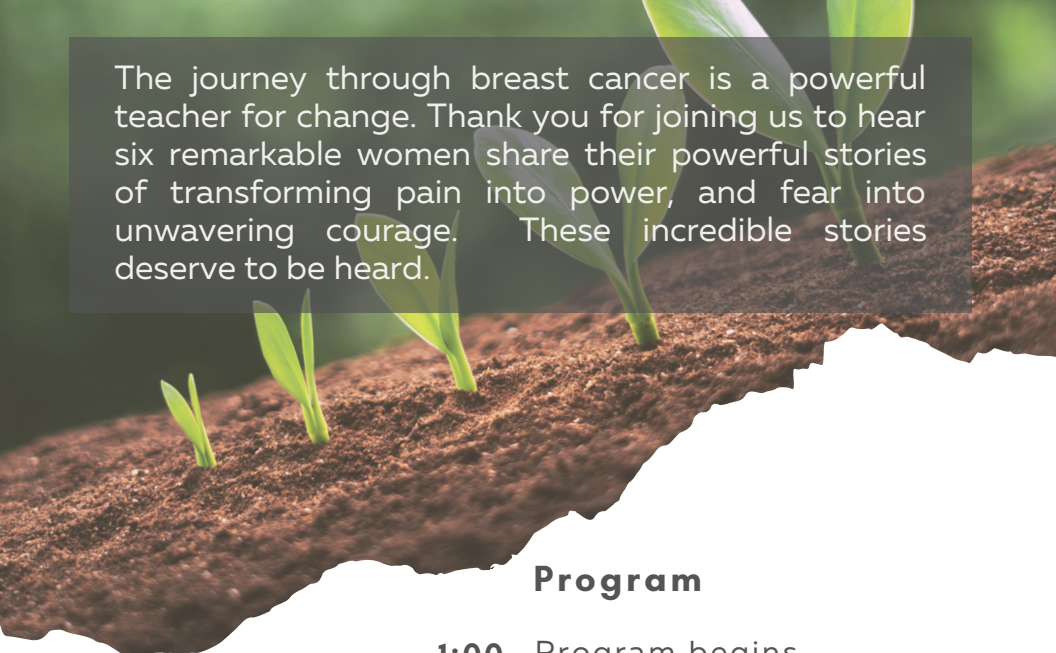
**AMPLIFY VOICES &
AKHILANDA WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
PRESENT:**

*Beyond Breast Cancer
Speaker Series - Part 2*

MOVING FROM PAIN TO PURPOSE

June 10, 2023
1pm - 3pm AZ/PST

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The journey through breast cancer is a powerful teacher for change. Thank you for joining us to hear six remarkable women share their powerful stories of transforming pain into power, and fear into unwavering courage. These incredible stories deserve to be heard.

Program

- 1:00** Program begins
- 2:30** Speaker acknowledgements
- 2:45** Program ends
- 3:00** "Room" closes

About Amplify Voices

Amplify serves individuals who have lived through specific challenges find empowerment and confidence, feeling seen and heard as they learn to speak powerfully about their experiences. In turn, they give their listeners access to greater understanding and compassion, ultimately breaking down the stereotypes and labels they may carry with them.

Amplify Voices provides no-cost professional speaker training and a public venue for participants to become passionate voices for change and transformation within their communities.

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Impact Leaders



DEB SHAPIRO - Amplify Voices Founder

For ten plus years, Deb has been developing the talents and businesses of some of the top credentialed speakers in our industry, including her brother, who was inducted into the Speaker Hall of Fame in 2015. In 2017, Deb created DEBx, a 90-Day Speaker Development Experience, designed to show emerging speakers how to use their voice as a powerful instrument of change. Through onstage appearances and professional recordings, DEBx has touched tens of thousands... and counting. In 2020, using the tools from DEBx, Deb founded Amplify Voices, to discover, develop, and amplify the voices of marginalized communities looking to empower change. Through stage events, speaker circles, and a compelling documentary, *The Journey*, Amplify has given voice to various communities including survivors of sex trafficking and sexual assault, those formerly incarcerated, and women touched by breast cancer.



ANA PINCUS - Beyond Breast Cancer Co-Founder

Ana is the founder of the Akhilanda Women's Foundation, a not-for-profit dedicated to supporting women's organisations worldwide to overcome trauma, loss and pain and reclaim their lives regardless of their background or circumstances. She leads women's circles around the globe, creating space for women to gather, connect, and find community. Ana is also a partner in Docland Films where she produces and directs women-focused content. Of note, she was the Executive Director and Producer for *The Journey* which was released in February of 2023. The film tells the story of three survivors of sex trafficking who were part of the first group of women to go through Amplify's 90-Day Speaker Training Experience.



DR. SHUBHA DHAGE, MD, FACS - Beyond Breast Cancer Co-Founder

Dr. Dhage has treated thousands of patients over the last 15 years as the former Chief of Breast Surgery and Director of the Breast Health Program at Perlmutter Cancer Center - NYU Langone Long Island. She cared for women from over 30 countries, conducted research and published on cancer genomics, health literacy, cancer disparities, and young women with breast cancer. She is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and has served on committees and boards for the WHO, CDC, the ACS Commission On Cancer, and the Young Survival Coalition. She has worked nationally and internationally to advocate for patient education and holistic, patient-centered care. Currently, she is dedicating her time on projects to bring together experts in medicine, nutrition, health and spirituality, to give women a powerful roadmap to rise THROUGH the challenges they face.



DANA BLEDSOE - Beyond Breast Cancer Co-Founder

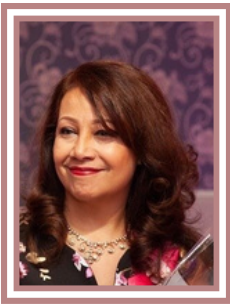
Dana is setting out on new adventures and back to performing, creating art and constantly exploring natural and integrative ways to keep her stage 4 metastatic breast cancer stable. She is a seeker and believer in the power of the mind to overcome cancer and this quest has taken her all over the world to find different modalities. She is a co-founder of BEYOND BREAST CANCER. She is the founder of IMPERMANACE, a photo essay to rewrite and reshape the views of women with breast cancer. Dana is launching a nationwide photography competition in Australia to reshape how breast cancer advertising is seen. She loves being of service to women with breast cancer so they never feel alone, feel seen and heard and they make choices from a place of power and not out of fear. She is dancing with life in a new way. Breast cancer has been her gift for change.

Amplify Speakers



AMANDA BROCKMAN

Amanda found her first lump at age 36 and has since beaten breast cancer twice. A recovering workaholic, Amanda is passionate about guiding others to live with more peace, joy, and connection. She lives by the motto that "life rewards all the time, even when it seems to be bringing you to your knees". When she thought her life fell apart after living 15 years in Tucson, Arizona, she moved to Colorado and has since discovered it was all just falling into place. She has quickly become a fan of mountain living with her devoted husband, David and adorable pup, Nugget.



IVIS FEBUS-SAMPAYO

Ivis Febus-Sampayo is a two time breast cancer survivor and retired as the Chief Officer of Diversity and Inclusion at SHARE in 2022. She first joined SHARE in May of 1996 as the first LatinaSHARE Director and through her leadership, management and advocacy skills grew its services and specific programs for the Latino communities, including the Novela projects, comic book style educational tools in Spanish and English which provided awareness and education about breast cancer, metastatic breast cancer, ovarian and genetics. Although retired, Ivis continues as a member of the Patient Advocate, Breast and Health Disparities Committees at the Alliance on Clinical Trials in Oncology, a RADCOMP Clinical Trial patient advocate member, and is also involved in variety of local and national committees.



KARIN DEL MAESTRO

Karin is a Health & Transformation Coach and has been working in the health and wellness fields for 20+ years. After her own Breast Cancer and BRCA2 diagnosis in 2018, she realized she was uniquely qualified to serve breast cancer survivors, helping them after treatment has ended, to stop putting their needs on the back burner and feel amazing in the skin they are in...no matter how many scars they may have! Karin specializes in working with Breast Cancer Survivors, Genetic Mutation Carriers & Healthy Lifestyle Seekers who readily focus their time and energy on their loved ones, but find it challenging to make time to take care of themselves. Karin has been featured on CNBC, Wink News and as a guest speaker on numerous podcasts and summits. www.KarinDelMaestro.com
30-Day Energizing Self-Care Calendar: <https://bit.ly/3TLfnfg>

"[I have experienced] the healing and love that comes from sitting in community with extraordinary women who have also been where I've been, and some who have not been on this exact same journey but who came to hold space for us, to be the container for our stories, encouraging us to share our voices and to allow ourselves to be vulnerable...to learn that there is strength in vulnerability.

It is important to use our voices to empower others and help others struggling with life's challenges, reminding anyone who needs to hear it, that you have the capacity to turn pain into power and fear into courage.

We all do. The only way to the other side is through it.

So much gratitude for the gift of this experience." - Sharon Finkel, Amplify Voices Speaker Graduate

Amplify Speakers



LORETTA OWEN

Loretta is a 42 year-old woman who triumphs over adversity with grace and strength. Her journey is like many others, so she encourages others to feel safe in sharing and finding glimmers of hope each day. Being diagnosed in 2022 with Stage 3a Breast Cancer, she underwent surgeries and treatments, with the courage to conquer cancer. Through battling cancer and navigating the ups and downs of her own life-she emerged a stronger person. Her story is one of resilience and self-awareness. She finds her passion in offering support to all, even strangers, to ensure no one feels alone through life. This fuels her work with organizations like United Way, Child Advocacy and Centers for Prevention of Abuse - and most recently John B. Amos Cancer Center of Columbus, GA. Her question to you.. what will be your reason to Amplify your Voice?



MARY SERKE

Mary was diagnosed almost 12 years ago with DCIS. After her journey that included 4 surgeries, radiation, and hyperbaric chamber treatments, she finally claims that title "Survivor". During her diagnosis she was told, "In the world of cancer, this is the best one to have." So, she downplayed it for many years. Mary has been a devoted wife to her husband Malcolm, for almost 21 years. She is also a mother to two teenagers, a son, and a daughter, both born after Mary was in her 40s. She has been a corporate training instructor and coach for 30 years, looking for the contribution that individuals want to make and removing the obstacles that get in their way.



TERESA FLORES

Teresa has always been driven to make a difference in the world. She is currently the CEO of Life Brand Designs, a Communication Coach, and the Executive Director of Shuniya Foundation. After a long and successful career as an analyst for Coca-Cola, she decided to dedicate the latter part of her life to helping women survivors heal from sexual abuse and trafficking. In 2015, Teresa began her own healing journey from past trauma. With great success, she began coaching other women to do the same. In 2021, she and her wife co-founded The Shuniya Foundation to bring forth their revolutionary practices for healing to other women in the world. Teresa is a mother of two and teaches them daily how to come from love. Her absolute favorite thing to do is swim and cherish her family.

These women are creating ripples of change... NOW!
And you can too. Are you ready to transform your pain
into purpose? Do you have a life lesson you wish to
cultivate and share to make a difference for others?

If so, go to: amplifyvoices.org/connect

The voices of Amplify are not heard without all of our committed speakers, advocates, and countless volunteers. Deep gratitude for the vulnerability, love, care, and commitment to those who show up in the various ways they do.

Part 1 Speakers

Brenda Hamilton

Buffy Patterson

Dr. Christina Hibbert

Jessica Pearce

Laura Allred

Shoni Brown

Sharon Finkel

Advocates

Barb Holland

Dyan Cherry

Hannah Berger

Keelin Washington

L'Tomay Douglas Varlack-Butler

Lisa Ephraim

Marcella Gomez

Nikki Valencia

Sparky Fletcher

Shari Scott

Sharon Lewis

Thank you for joining us today.

We hope you will stay involved with Amplify!

We are fortunate to have a strong community of courageous, authentic, and thoughtful individuals who find connection through a common purpose. Thank you to those of you who have trusted us, stood by us, and supported us as we evolve now and into the future.

It takes a lot of work to grow into the vision we have for Amplify. Huge gratitude to those who have provided the crucial financial support to help our flourishing organization in moving forward.

With a full and grateful heart,

Amanda Schneider

Executive Director for Amplify Voices

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Thank you to these organizations who shared this event with their communities. If you are looking for resources in the breast cancer community, please check them out!

